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there were two forbidden zones where mining activities were carried on in the vicinity of Kansk (N 56-12, E 95-42) as of September 1951. In both of them, the labor force consisted of prisoner-laborers. The first forbidden area was located north of Kansk near the village of Tayna (N 56-27, E 95-30 - see sketch on page 3). A single-track railroad spur ran north from Kansk into this general area. Over a period of several hours, two freight trains on this line, one going south towards Kansk, the other north towards Tayna. The southbound train consisted of 10-12 enclosed freight cars with doors closed. The northbound train was of similar size and make-up but some freight-car doors were open, showing them to be empty.

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2. The second forbidden zone where mining activities were carried on was located approximately 100 kilometers west of Kansk, near the Kan River. gold was once produced there, but as of 1951 or earlier, the area was being exploited for some unknown metal said to be "many times more abundant there than in the Urals". A single-track railroad spur branched off from the Trans-Siberian Railroad at Filimonovo (N 56-11, E 95-26) and went westward in the direction of this area. traffic on this spur amounted to approximately two trains per hour, one moving in each direction. The trains consisted of about ten cars each, some of them enclosed cars and some of them cars with open tops. Cars moving east in the direction of Kansk carried a reddish brown earth-like material, while the open cars on the westbound trains appeared empty. that some gold placer mining was still being done in this Kan River mining area.

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3. As of September 1951, a mineral search office (Bur-Razvedka) was located about 180 kilometers north of Kansk on the Chuva River at a small village called Burny (N 57-43, E 95-13). this office consisted of eight drilling teams, each one consisting of 10-15 men.

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These teams drilled along both sides of the Biryusa River, both around Burny and further downstream. Equipment [REDACTED] consisted of tractors, excavating machines, and tractors. Wooden towers, about 20 meters high, were constructed on the drilling sites. Water poured out from the bases of these towers into the river, staining it a grey color. 25X1X

4. Some inactive drilling sites were observed on the north bank of the Biryusa River just east of where the Usolka River empties into it (N 58-10, E 93-00). [REDACTED] uranium had been found here and that it was to be developed later. 25X1

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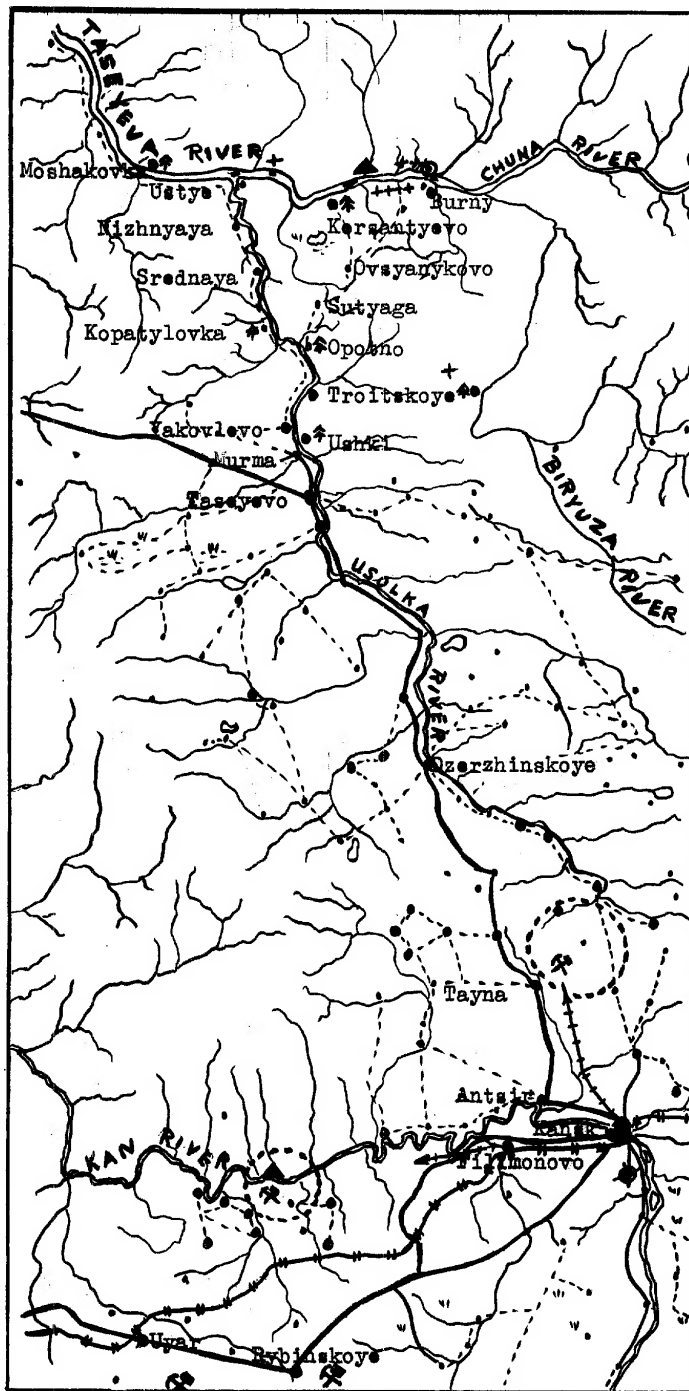
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| == Double track railroad | ▲ Gold Washing |
| — Major road | ● Lumber camps |
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